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Attention is directed to referenced airtel advising that MIKE SAUNDERS of Chicago, Illinois, national chairman of the newly formed National CP Teamsters Commission of the Communist Party, USA, left Chicago December 2-3, 1961 for three weeks rest in Los Angeles, California, where he would do some work in connection with his newly elected position. SAUNDERS was expecting to contact CP forces as well as teamster leaders in the Negro American Labor Council.

LA 3417-S orally advised that on 12/7/61, BILL TAYLOR, paid functionary of Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP), JOHN WILLIAMS, CP Negro trade unionist and member of the Teamsters Union, Los Angeles, and MIKE SAUNDERS held a conference at 1705 West Palmer Avenue, Compton, California.

SAUNDERS stated that he spoke for the National Committee of the CP, USA in the following matters:

SAUNDERS stated that the CP had reached an understanding with JAMES HOFFA, president of the Teamsters Union. He stated that prosecution was contemplated against the Teamsters Union by the United States Government and that prosecution was contemplated against the CP by the United States Government. For that reason the Teamsters Union and the CP were drawn together.

SAUNDERS stated that at the last national convention of the Teamsters Union, HOFFA had "watered down" a resolution concerning CP and had indicated that he would give support to the CP in return for support by the CP.

After speaking of the CP's interest in the transportation industry, SAUNDERS indicated that the CP would strengthen their position by an alliance with the Teamsters Union and also with the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union. He noted that these two unions were working together in a spirit of cooperation.

SAUNDERS indicated that he would have a series of conferences while in Los Angeles and would endeavor to